TO THE

R^t. Honble. and R^t. Rev^d. the Lord James Biſhop of Hereford,
The Worſhipful the Mayors of Hereford and Monmouth,
The Bailiff of the Borough of Leominſter,
The Rev^d. the Vicar of Leominſter,

AND THE

Surviving Truſtees of the Navigation of the Rivers Wye and Lug,

The humble Repreſentation *of the* Barge-Owners, *and others, concerned in the ſaid* Navigation, *particularly that of the River* Wye,

SHEWETH,

THAT thro' length of time, ſince the navigation was firſt opened, many alterations have been made in the channel of the river Wye, occaſioned by floods, the coming down of large quantities of ice, and various other cauſes.

That the navigation is by ſuch means in many places ſo dangerous, particularly in thoſe under-mentioned, as to make it impracticable for the moſt ſkilful barge-maſters to paſs and repaſs with their boats in ſafety: Namely, at Hadnock's and Martin's Stream, New Wear, Lidbrook, Wear-End, Ingeſton, Hancock's Mill, and Hereford Wear, with divers other places between Monmouth and Hereford, as well as the greateſt part of the river between Hereford and The Hay.

That frequent delays and diſappointments ariſe to the barge-owners and others from an inſufficiency of water in the ſaid river, chiefly owing to the badneſs of the paſſage in the places before-mentioned.

That the proprietors of barges, being obliged at their own riſque to be anſwerable for damages ſuſtained on the ſaid river, are from theſe and many other inconveniences diſcouraged in proſecuting the buſineſs of the ſaid navigation.

That the navigation of the river Lug, notwithſtanding a conſiderable ſum has been expended upon it, is more difficult and dangerous than it was forty years ago------ſo far from being amended and made compleat, that a loaded barge cannot, at any one ſtate of water, paſs and repaſs up and down the ſame.

THE ſaid barge-owners and others, whoſe names are hereunto ſubſcribed, therefore pray, that the Truſtees will take the matter repreſented to them into conſideration, and purſue ſuch meaſures for their relief, and for the common good of the country (either by calling a general meeting and electing new Truſtees in the places of thoſe deceaſed, that a ſufficient number of Gentlemen within a convenient diſtance of each other may be qualified to act for the reſpective rivers, or by ſuch other ways and means) as ſhall appear fitteſt to them, and beſt calculated, to promote the deſired end, and to remove all annoyances and obſtructions to the ſaid navigation.

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